

executive agency contracts for the acquisition of commercial items:

(1) 33 U.S.C. 1368, Requirement for a clause under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see 23.105).

(2) 40 U.S.C. 327 *et seq.*, Requirement for a certificate and clause under the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (see 22.305).

(3) 41 U.S.C. 57(a) and (b), and 58, Requirement for a clause and certain other requirements related to the Anti-Kickback Act of 1986 (see 3.502).

(4) 42 U.S.C. 7606, Requirement for a clause under the Clean Air Act (see 23.105).

(5) 49 U.S.C. 40118, Requirement for a clause under the Fly American provisions (see 47.405).

(c) The applicability of the following laws have been modified in regards to Executive agency contracts for the acquisition of commercial items:

(1) 41 U.S.C. 253g and 10 U.S.C. 2402, Prohibition on Limiting Subcontractor Direct Sales to the United States (see 3.503).

(2) 41 U.S.C. 254(d) and 10 U.S.C. 2306a, Truth in Negotiations Act (see 15.403).

(3) 41 U.S.C. 422, Cost Accounting Standards (see 48 CFR chapter 99) (see 12.214).

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12.504 Applicability of certain laws to subcontracts for the acquisition of commercial items.

(a) The following laws are not applicable to subcontracts at any tier for the acquisition of commercial items or commercial components at any tier:

(1) 15 U.S.C. 644(d), Requirements relative to labor surplus areas under the Small Business Act (see subpart 19.2).

(2) 19 U.S.C. 1202, Tariff Act of 1930 (see subpart 25.6).

(3) 19 U.S.C. 1309, Supplies for Certain Vessels and Aircraft (see subpart 25.6).

(4) 19 U.S.C. 2701, *et seq.*, Authority to Grant Duty Free Treatment (see subpart 25.6).

(5) 31 U.S.C. 1352, Limitation on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions (see subpart 3.8).

(6) 41 U.S.C. 43, Walsh-Healey Act (see subpart 22.6).

(7) 41 U.S.C. 253d, Validation of Proprietary Data Restrictions (see subpart 27.4).

(8) 41 U.S.C. 254(a) and 10 U.S.C. 2306(b), Contingent Fees (see subpart 3.4).

(9) 41 U.S.C. 254d(c) and 10 U.S.C. 2313(c), Examination of Records of Contractor, when a subcontractor is not required to provide cost or pricing data (15.209(b)).

(10) 41 U.S.C. 351, Service Contract Act of 1965, as amended (see subpart 22.10).

(11) 41 U.S.C. 416(a)(6), Minimum Response Time for Offers under Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (see subpart 5.2).

(12) 41 U.S.C. 418a, Rights in Technical Data (see subpart 27.4).

(13) 41 U.S.C. 701, *et seq.*, Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (see subpart 23.5).

(14) 46 U.S.C. 1241(b), Transportation in American Vessels of Government Personnel and Certain Cargo (see subpart 47.5) (inapplicability effective May 1, 1996).

(15) 49 U.S.C. 40118, Fly American provisions (see subpart 47.4).

(b) Certain requirements of the following laws have been eliminated for subcontracts at any tier for the acquisition of commercial items or commercial components:

(1) 33 U.S.C. 1368, Requirement for a certificate and clause under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (see subpart 23.1).

(2) 40 U.S.C. 327, *et seq.*, Requirement for a certificate and clause under the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (see subpart 22.3).

(3) 42 U.S.C. 7606, Requirements for a certificate and clause under the Clean Air Act (see subpart 23.1).

(c) The applicability of the following laws have been modified in regards to subcontracts at any tier for the acquisition of commercial items or commercial components:

(1) 41 U.S.C. 253g and 10 U.S.C. 2402, Prohibition on Limiting Subcontractor Direct Sales to the United States (see subpart 3.5).

(2) 41 U.S.C. 254(d) and 10 U.S.C. 2306a, Truth in Negotiations Act (see subpart 15.4).

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(3) 41 U.S.C. 422, Cost Accounting Standards (48 CFR chapter 99) (see 12.214).

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Subpart 12.6—Streamlined Procedures for Evaluation and Solicitation for Commercial Items

12.601 General.

This subpart provides optional procedures for—

(a) Streamlined evaluation of offers for commercial items; and

(b) Streamlined solicitation of offers for commercial items for use where appropriate.

These procedures are intended to simplify the process of preparing and issuing solicitations, and evaluating offers for commercial items consistent with customary commercial practices.

12.602 Streamlined evaluation of offers.

(a) When evaluation factors are used, the contracting officer may insert a provision substantially the same as the provision at 52.212-2, Evaluation—Commercial Items, in solicitations for commercial items or comply with the procedures in 13.106 if the acquisition is being made using simplified acquisition procedures. When the provision at 52.212-2 is used, paragraph (a) of the provision shall be tailored to the specific acquisition to describe the evaluation factors and relative importance of those factors. However, when using the simplified acquisition procedures in part 13, contracting officers are not required to describe the relative importance of evaluation factors.

(b) Offers shall be evaluated in accordance with the criteria contained in the solicitation. For many commercial items, the criteria need not be more detailed than technical (capability of the item offered to meet the agency need), price and past performance. Technical capability may be evaluated by how well the proposed products meet the Government requirement instead of predetermined subfactors. Solicitations for commercial items do not have

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to contain subfactors for technical capability when the solicitation adequately describes the item's intended use. A technical evaluation would normally include examination of such things as product literature, product samples (if requested), technical features and warranty provisions. Past performance shall be evaluated in accordance with the procedures in section 13.106 or subpart 15.3, as applicable. The contracting officer shall ensure the instructions provided in the provision at 52.212-1, Instructions to Offerors—Commercial Items, and the evaluation criteria provided in the provision at 52.212-2, Evaluation—Commercial Items, are in agreement.

(c) Select the offer that is most advantageous to the Government based on the factors contained in the solicitation. Fully document the rationale for selection of the successful offeror including discussion of any tradeoffs considered.

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12.603 Streamlined solicitation for commercial items.

(a) When a written solicitation will be issued, the contracting officer may use the following procedure to reduce the time required to solicit and award contracts for the acquisition of commercial items. This procedure combines the Commerce Business Daily (CBD) synopsis required by 5.203 and the issuance of the solicitation into a single document with the following limitations:

(1) Section 5.207 limits submissions to the CBD to 12,000 textual characters (approximately 3 ½ single-spaced pages).

(2) This combined CBD synopsis/solicitation is only appropriate where the solicitation is relatively simple and is not recommended for use when lengthy addenda to the solicitation are necessary.

(b) When using the combined synopsis/solicitation procedure, the SF 1449 is not used for issuing the solicitation.

(c) To use these procedures, the contracting officer shall—